

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed on May 22, 2003. Please charge the amount of \$950.00, the cost of a three month extension of time, to our Deposit Account No. 13-2855. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed. This authorization is respectfully requested to be considered a constructive Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time, to and including November 24, 2003. In the event any additional fees are due, kindly also charge the cost thereof to our Deposit Account No. 13-2855.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejection

Claims 1-3 and 5-10 were rejected as being allegedly anticipated by Jensen, U.S. Patent No. 5,827,213. In view of the amendments to Claims 1 and 7, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections are moot. As to Claims 1-6, Jensen does not disclose an orthotic pad with a second surface adapted to match a support surface upon which the treatment area would contact in the absence of said orthotic pad or is of a developed shape for corrective redistribution of external forces exercisable against said treatment area, as recited in Claim 1, as amended.

As to Claims 7-10, Jensen does not disclose a foot orthotic with a second surface adapted to match a support surface upon which the treatment area would contact in the absence of said orthotic pad or is of a developed shape for corrective redistribution of external forces exercisable against said treatment area, as recited in Claim 7, as amended.

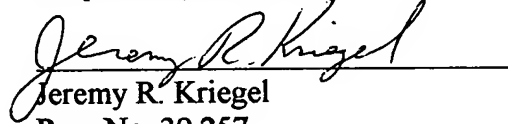
As indicated in the Jensen reference, what is disclosed therein is a generally planar wound dressing. The wound dressing in Jensen is of substantially uniform thickness and is generally planar, with substantially parallel surfaces, pre-cut to permit a

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user to adapt the planar device to a non-planar anatomical surface. Indeed, in Jensen, one of the surfaces is entirely planar. While minor variations in thickness of the wound dressing in Jensen are present to enable the dressing to be adapted to a body contour, as seen in FIGS. 4-6 of the reference, once the dressing is folded into place those variations in thickness are taken up by the folds, and are not available to serve any therapeutic benefits.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that claims 1-10, as well as new claims 11 and 12, are allowable and the Examiner's reconsideration and favorable action are respectfully requested. New claims 11 and 12 are supported by the specification as originally filed, for example on page 9, lines 6-25, and in the drawing figures, and do not add any new matter.

Respectfully submitted,


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